

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
CAMDEN VICINAGE

**In re: Valsartan, Losartan, and Irbesartan
Products Liability Litigation**

MDL No. 2875

Honorable Robert B. Kugler,
District Court Judge

This document relates to:

Honorable Karen Williams,
Magistrate Judge

All Cases

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 13-B
**APPROVING AND ORDERING USE OF SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND EXPAND
THE SCOPE OF CMO 13 TO INCLUDE LOSARTAN AND IRBESARTAN CASES**

In Case Management Order No. 13, this Court Ordered the use of Short Form Complaints for all Valsartan personal injury cases being filed into this MDL. On December 18, 2019, the JPML expanded the scope of this MDL to include claims stemming from various plaintiffs' use of losartan and irbesartan. Accordingly, the Court hereby orders that Short Form Complaints shall be filed for all personal injury cases involving valsartan, losartan, and/or irbesartan, or any combination thereof.

The Court hereby approves the amended version of the Short Form Complaint in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and Orders that all Plaintiffs with a personal injury case currently on file involving losartan or irbesartan shall file an Amended Short Form Complaint within 30 days of approval of the Short Form Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A. (This Court assumes that all Plaintiffs with a personal injury case involving valsartan currently on file are already utilizing and will continue to utilize the Short Form Complaint as ordered in Case Management Order No. 13.). All future personal injury direct filed cases (involving valsartan, losartan, irbesartan, or any combination thereof) in this MDL are Ordered to use the Short Form Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A. All future

personal injury cases transferred to this MDL are Ordered to file a Short Form Complaint within 30 days of transfer.

In Case Management Order No. 9, the Court Ordered the streamlined electronic service of various documents using the MDL Centrality System, including the Short Form Complaint. The Court hereby expands that order to apply to all claims involving valsartan, losartan, irbesartan, or any combination thereof. All parties are directed to review and comply with the provisions of Case Management Orders 3, 9, 13, and 19 with regard to the filing and service of the Short Form Complaint.

Counsel for all Defendants are Ordered to register with the MDL Centrality System, as provided in Case Management Order No. 9, within seven (7) days of the entry of this Order.

ORDERED this ____ day of January 2021.

HON. ROBERT B. KUGLER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Exhibit A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
CAMDEN VICINAGE

In re: Valsartan, Losartan, and Irbesartan
Products Liability Litigation

MDL No. 2875

Honorable Robert B. Kugler,
District Court Judge

This document relates to:

Honorable Joel Schneider,
Magistrate Judge

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

Plaintiff(s) file(s) this *Short Form Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial* against Defendants named below by and through the undersigned counsel. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations contained in Plaintiffs' Master Personal Injury Complaints for Valsartan (ECF No. 122), Losartan (ECF No. 682) and Irbesartan (ECF No. 683), MDL 2875 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Camden Vicinage. Plaintiff(s) file this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Case Management Order Nos. 3, 9, 13, 13B, and 19 of this Court.

In addition to those causes of action contained in Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaints as referenced above, where certain claims require specific pleadings and/or amendments, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

I. IDENTIFICATION OF PLAINTIFF(S)

1. Name of individual who alleges injury due to use of a valsartan, losartan, and/or irbesartan-containing drug: _____

2. This claim is being brought on behalf of

Myself
 Someone else

a. If I checked, "someone else", this claim is being brought on behalf of: _____

b. My relationship to the person in 2(a) is: _____

3. Consortium Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for loss of consortium: _____

4. County and state of residence of Plaintiff or place of death of Decedent: _____

5. If a survival and/or wrongful death claim is asserted:

a. Name of the individual(s) bringing the claims on behalf of the decedent's estate, and status (i.e., personal representative, administrator, next of kin, successor in interest, etc.): _____

II. IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANTS

1. Plaintiff brings these claims as a result of developing injuries as a result of taking the following medication(s):

	Medication(s) Taken (Check all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valsartan-Containing Drugs (VCDs)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Losartan Containing Drugs (LCDs)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Irbesartan-Containing Drugs (ICDs)

2. Plaintiff(s) bring claims against the following Defendants related to his or her ingestion of Valsartan:

(*Defendants with asterisks next to their names have been dismissed pursuant to a dismissal and tolling stipulation entered by the Parties. By checking the box next to any asterisked Defendant(s), Plaintiff thereby represents that he or she would have brought an action against said Defendant(s) but for the dismissal and tolling stipulation.)

i. API Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Aurobindo Pharma, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer Parent Corporation	Hetero Drugs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Mylan Laboratories Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer Parent Corporation	Mylan N.V.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

ii. Finished Dose Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Arrow Pharm (Malta) Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Aurolife Pharma, LLC	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.	WV
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

iii. Repackagers, Labelers, and Distributors

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/ Distributor	Aceteris, LLC	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis LLC	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis Pharma, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repackager	A-S Medication Solutions, LLC*	NE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Product Distributor	Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc.	NJ

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearpackager	AvKARE, Inc.	TN
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearpackager	Bryant Ranch Prepack, Inc.*	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/Distributor	Camber Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Company for The Harvard Drug Group, L.L.C. d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals	Cardinal Health, Inc.*	OH
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearpackager	The Harvard Drug Group, LLC d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals*	MI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearpackager	H J Harkins Co., Inc.	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Distributor	Huahai U.S. Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearpackager	Northwind Pharmaceuticals*	IN
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearpackager	NuCare Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearpackager	Preferred Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rearpackager	RemedyRepack, Inc.	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Solco Healthcare U.S., LLC	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Torrent Pharma, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/Distributor/Rearpackager	John Doe	N/A

iv. Wholesaler Defendants

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	AmerisourceBergen Corporation	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	McKesson Corporation	TX
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	John Doe	N/A

v. Pharmacies

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Albertsons Companies, LLC	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	RI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Express Scripts, Inc.	MO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Humana Pharmacy, Inc.	KY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	OptumRx	CA

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Rite Aid Corp.	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Walgreens Boots Alliance	IL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Wal-Mart, Inc.	AR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	John Doe	N/A

vi. FDA Liaisons

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	Hetero USA, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	Prinston Pharmaceutical Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	John Doe	N/A

3. Plaintiff(s) bring claims against the following Defendants related to his or her ingestion of Losartan:

(*Defendants with asterisks next to their names have been dismissed pursuant to a dismissal and tolling stipulation entered by the Parties. By checking the box next to any asterisked Defendant(s), Plaintiff thereby represents that he or she would have brought an action against said Defendant(s) but for the dismissal and tolling stipulation.)

i. API Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer Parent Corporation	Hetero Drugs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

i. Finished Dose Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Hetero Labs, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Macleods Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Macleods Pharma USA, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Sandoz Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.	Foreign

<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Vivimed Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

i. Repackagers, Labelers, and Distributors

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis LLC	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Actavis Pharma, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	AvKARE, Inc.	TN
<input type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/Distributor	Camber Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Company for The Harvard Drug Group, L.L.C. d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	Golden State Medical Supply, Inc. (GSMS)	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	The Harvard Drug Group, LLC d/b/a Major Pharmaceuticals	MI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	Heritage Pharmaceuticals, Inc. d/b/a/ Avet Pharmaceuticals	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	H J Harkins Co., Inc. d/b/a PharmaPac	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Distributor	Huahai U.S. Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	Legacy Pharmaceutical Packaging, LLC	MO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	Major Pharmaceuticals	MI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	Preferred Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	RemedyRepack, Inc.	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Solco Healthcare U.S., LLC	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Torrent Pharma, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/Distributor/Rerepackager	John Doe	N/A

i. Wholesaler Defendants

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	AmerisourceBergen Corporation	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	McKesson Corporation	TX
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	John Doe	N/A

ii. Pharmacies

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Albertsons Companies, LLC	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	RI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Express Scripts, Inc.	MO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Humana Pharmacy, Inc.	KY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	OptumRx	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Rite Aid Corp.	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Walgreens Boots Alliance	IL
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Wal-Mart, Inc.	AR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	John Doe	N/A

iii. FDA Liaisons

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	Hetero USA, Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	Prinston Pharmaceutical Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	John Doe	N/A

4. Plaintiff(s) bring claims against the following Defendants related to his or her ingestion of Irbesartan:

(*Defendants with asterisks next to their names have been dismissed pursuant to a dismissal and tolling stipulation entered by the Parties. By checking the box next to any asterisked Defendant(s), Plaintiff thereby represents that he or she would have brought an action against said Defendant(s) but for the dismissal and tolling stipulation.)

i. API Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States

<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Aurobindo Pharma, Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	API Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

ii. Finished Dose Manufacturers

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Aurolife Pharma, LLC	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	ScieGen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., U.S.	NY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Manufacturer	John Doe	N/A

iii. Repackagers, Labelers, and Distributors

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rerepackager	Golden State Medical Supply, Inc. (GSMS)	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finished Dose Distributor	Westminster Pharmaceuticals	TN
<input type="checkbox"/>	Labeler/Distributor/Repackager	John Doe	N/A

iv. Wholesaler Defendants

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	AmerisourceBergen Corporation	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	Cardinal Health, Inc.	OH
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	McKesson Corporation	TX
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholesaler	John Doe	N/A

v. Pharmacies

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Albertsons Companies, LLC	ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	CVS Pharmacy, Inc.	RI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Express Scripts, Inc.	MO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Humana Pharmacy, Inc.	KY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	OptumRx	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Rite Aid Corp.	PA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Walgreens Boots Alliance	IL

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	Wal-Mart, Inc.	AR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pharmacy	John Doe	N/A

vi. FDA Liaisons

	Defendant Role	Defendant Name	HQ States
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	Prinston Pharmaceutical Inc.	NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>	FDA Liaison	John Doe	N/A

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Jurisdiction is based on:

Diversity of Citizenship
 Other as set forth below: _____

8. Venue: District and Division in which remand and trial is proper and where you might have otherwise filed this Short Form Complaint, absent the Direct Filing Order entered by this Court: _____

IV. PLAINTIFF'S INJURIES

9. Injuries: Plaintiff was diagnosed with the following type of cancer:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Liver	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidney
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stomach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Colorectal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pancreatic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Esophageal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Intestine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

CAUSES OF ACTION

10. Plaintiff(s) hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference the *Master Long Form Complaints and Jury Demand* as if fully set forth herein.

11. The following claims and allegations asserted in the *Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* are herein adopted by Plaintiff(s):

- Count I: Strict Liability – Manufacturing Defect
- Count II: Strict Liability – Failure to Warn
- Count III: Strict Liability – Design Defect
- Count IV: Negligence
- Count V: Negligence Per Se
- Count VI: Breach of Express Warranty
- Count VII: Breach of Implied Warranty
- Count VIII: Fraud
- Count IX: Negligent Misrepresentation
- Count X: Breach of Consumer Protection Statutes of the state(s) of: _____
- Count XI: Wrongful Death
- Count XII: Survival Action
- Count XIII: Loss of Consortium
- Count XIV: Punitive Damages
- Other State Law Causes of Action as Follows:

12. Fraud Count: Plaintiff adopts, incorporates and relies upon the allegations made in the Master Complaint. Any additional Plaintiff-specific allegations as to the Fraud Count must be set forth here: _____

13. Express Warranty Count: Plaintiff adopts, incorporates, and relies upon the allegations made in the Master Complaint. Any additional Plaintiff-specific allegations as to the Express Warranty Count must be set forth here: _____

14. Plaintiff(s) further bring claims against the following additional Defendants who are not listed above, and such claims are based upon the following grounds:

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) pray(s) for relief and demand(s) a trial by jury as set forth in the Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint in MDL 2875 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Dated: _____

/s/

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